

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-16, and 18-20 remain in the application. Claims 1, 3, 7, 14-16, and 18-20 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 8-12 have been allowed. Claims 4, 13, and 17 were cancelled in a previous amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 8-12 were allowed.

Claims 1, 5-7, 15, and 18-20 were found to be allowable if all claim rejections were overcome. In a telephone conversation, the Examiner suggested modifications for claim 1 and cancellation of claim 2. Applicants have therefore modifying claim 1 as suggested, and canceled claim 2. Applicants submit that the amendments to the remaining pending claims overcome the claim rejections. Applicants appreciate the finding of allowability.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Office Action objected to claims 1-3, 5-7, 15, 16, and 18-20 because of informalities. Applicant has corrected these informalities by amending the claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §112

The Office Action rejected claims 2, 3, 14, and 16 under 35 USC 112, second

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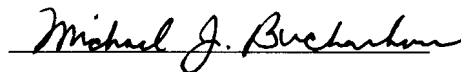
paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 has been canceled, thus rendering its rejection moot. Claim 3 has been amended to depend on claim 1.

As to claim 14, applicant has amended that claim to recite a dependency on claim 8. Claim 16 has been amended to recite “determining which similar magnetic memory cell has the orientation of its magnetization altered by the test signals.”

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims and thanks the Examiner for the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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